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ARE WE TO HAVE AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT?

It is not when the steel is stolen that the door should be closed. The policy of the laggard will not serve to advance the interests of this colony. It does not answer in other countries, and it is not likely we are an exception to the general rule. When a defect exists, it should be immediately remedied. If there is any portion of our Government machinery wanting, it should be filled up without delay. That there is an absence of a proper department for advancing the settlement of the country, is evident enough. The Government are aware of it. The vote of supplies for immigration purposes asked for and granted in the House of Assembly, is one step towards making provision for remedying this state of things. But that is not enough. We want action. We would have some tangible results. Judging, however, from the past, it is hard to say how long we shall have to wait for them. In the meantime, the best part of the season will be lost. Our spring immigration will set in almost immediately. The tide of population will roll this year into the colony in a stream little inferior to that of the last twelve months. The real value of the country is becoming better known. The immense richness of our gold fields, difficult of access though they have been, is now sufficiently evident to the world to attract hither large numbers of hardy miners. But it is not with this class of population that our Immigration Department is chiefly required to deal. They will be able pretty well to look after their own interests. It is with those who desire to make this country the home of themselves and their families, that such an institution would need to come in contact. It is for the purpose of affording every necessary information to such intending settlers that we want a department of the kind just alluded to. Without systematic action we can do nothing. If we wish to make sure of our new-comers we must make it our business to look after them and afford them every reasonable accommodation in disposing of themselves in this new country. Our Immigration Department will need to be in connection with that of the public lands, in order to have every information at hand as to the tracts of land open for settlement, not only in this colony but in British Columbia.

If this portion of the business were properly attended to, a wonderful change would soon be apparent on the face of the country. Where now the prairie forest and the pine forest flourish in their pristine luxuriance, we would soon behold the settler's cottage with its cultivated plot of ground, every day growing larger, as the woods receded before his axe. Various branches of manufacturing industry would then spring up, and the great mineral resources of the country stand a better chance of development.

Of course all this would naturally come to pass some day or other. Our position is such that nothing could prevent it. But there is no reason why we should not accelerate the movement by systematic action. In this we must take pattern from other new countries. They all, in common with us, bid for population. In doing so, they do not remain inactive and wait till the tide of immigration shall of itself turn towards them. They anticipate its action, by directing the stream.

Our gold mines will do much towards producing the same effect for us. They must continue to attract a number of people to this part of the world, who will be incited by other motives than a desire of mining. Such of course must not be suffered to leave this country for the adjacent territories and States through the lack of such information as to our resources, as might be afforded by an Immigration Officer. We have not alluded to the desirability also of having some one whose duty it would be to point out to new-comers the sources from which employment could be had for those needing it. That service could, no doubt, be effectually rendered by an Immigration Department. But why need we dwell upon the subject. Its advantages and its necessity are obvious to all. The duty of the Government is too clear to admit of discussion, and the public call for immediate action before the flood tide of immigration shall have arrived.

Mail Communication with Nanaimo and Comox.

The necessity of proper mail communication with Nanaimo, Comox, and the various settlements along the east coast of the Island has long been apparent. The condition of things in this respect has up to the present been a disgrace to any Government pretending to civilization. Last fall the agent of the Government in the House of Assembly represented that the matter would be remedied. In the beginning of this year the money to allow of its being done was voted by the Assembly. After having had all the winter to deliberate upon the Subsidy Act, one would expect something satisfactory would be done in the way of providing the public with an extension of our postal communication. However, although we are to have some change upon what has previously existed, it does not go as far as the wants of the country call for. The Government advertise for tenders for conveying mails between Comox, Nanaimo, and the adjacent districts, once a fortnight by steamer. Now it must be evident upon the slightest consideration that this is not often enough. The idea of giving a place like Nanaimo anything less than a weekly mail, is absurd. It is more unjust towards those who are opening up the country in that direction. After having held out to them the hope of having some amendments made for the long neglect under which they have suffered, they are now likely to be as badly off as they were before. When they, as at present, depend only upon sailing vessels for their letters and papers, they stand a pretty good chance of receiving their letters at least three times a month. It is not strange, then, that they should be content with nothing less than a weekly service from the Government. Nothing less will give any public satisfaction.

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5 cases Matches,

10 cases Dried Beef,

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5 bales Wrapping Paper,

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10 cases Pickles, quarts,

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10 kegs " 10 galls each,

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5 cases Bath Brick,

11 boxes Laver Raisins,

20 " new Zante Currants,

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5 cases Cheddar Cheese,

10 boxes Knapp's Anchor Brand

Candles,

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2 bbls Hams,

10 cases Dried Beef,

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